

The Grader

Updates on Development of New A-F System & Legislation

To provide the most useful and informative white paper on revisions to Arizona's new accountability system, ADE has been working with WestEd and other stakeholders throughout the month of October. The date of the next SBE A-F subcommittee has not yet been announced.

- ⇒ October ADE develops white paper peer reviewed by external experts
- ⇒ November ADE presents draft report and final recommendations to label schools during the 2015 and 2016 school years
- ⇒ December White paper/report due to Governor's Office and Legislature for consideration to revise ARS 15-241 (A-F Accountability System).

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the data released after the embargo differ from what is used for Accountability purposes?

Data used for any state or federal accountability measures will apply business rules such as FAY, concurrent enrollment, etc.

When will FY2015 AzMERIT data be available in AzDASH?

December (estimate).

Do you know how ADE will use the test scores for students who take both the grade level and an End of Course?

No Not at this time

With the AIMS test and letter grade calculation, students were counted if they were enrolled in a school within the first 10 days and then continuously enrolled until the test date. Will that same criteria be used with AZMERIT? Where can I find the documentation?

There is no updated definition or guidance on "Full Academic Year" based on the new assessment at this time. We will disseminate this information as soon as it has been established/finalized; the ADE and our technical advisory group will review potential implications of the new assessment on the previous definition in the next few weeks.

Who tests a student when they finish a class in one District but are enrolled somewhere else during the test dates?

For accountability purposes, the student's test record must match the school where they were enrolled at the time of testing regardless of where they completed the actual course.

EMBARGO Reminder:

LEAs and schools may not release AzMERIT and/or NCSC results to the public (including governing boards) until after November 30th when ADE releases results publicly azreportcards.com.

Educators and parents may receive individual student results as needed.

Spring 2016 AZELLA Reassessment

Which students will participate in the Spring 2016 AZELLA Reassessment?

Students listed on the SDELL73 Report with an ELL Group number of 1, 2, or 4 **WILL** participate in the Spring 2016 AZELLA Reassessment.

ELL need and currently enrolled in an ELL program.
 ELL need and current year ELL program enrollment.
 Parent Withdrawn in FY11 through current year.

 Students who have a Parent Withdrawal listed on their SDELL 70 Report and who have not yet received an Overall Proficiency Level score of Proficient.

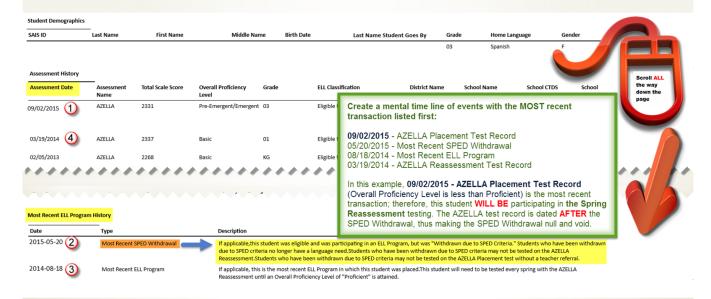
 SDELL Reports

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 SDELL70 - AZELLA Student Test History Report
 SDELL71 - ELL Program Participation Report
 SDELL72 - AZELLA Roster Report
 SDELL73 - ELL Student Need Report



Students who score less than proficient on an AZELLA <u>after</u> being "Withdrawn due to SPED Criteria" **WILL** participate in the Spring 2016 AZELLA Reassessment.

A non-Proficient AZELLA test dated AFTER a SPED Withdrawal



Spring 2016 AZELLA Reassessment (continued)

Which students will NOT participate in the Spring 2016 AZELLA Reassessment?

Students who take an AZELLA
Placement Test between
January 1, 2016 - March 25, 2016
will NOT participate in the Spring
2016 AZELLA Reassessment testing.



If a student has (1) been Withdrawn Due to SPED Criteria, <u>AND</u> (2) has NOT taken an AZELLA since the SPED withdrawal dalate, the student is exempt from AZELLA Reassessment testing.

A SPED Withdrawal dated AFTER the last AZELLA test record

